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## GRACE CHURCH

### in New York City



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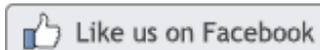
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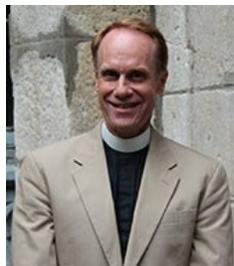
**Spots Still  
Available for  
TOMORROW  
(Sat. 4/29)**

**EPISCOPAL  
CHURCH WOMEN'S  
ONE-DAY  
RETREAT**

...on the theme of  
"Sabbath." How can we  
create a rhythm of rest in  
the midst of our busy  
lives? The retreat is 9am-  
5pm at House of the

## April 30, 2017

The Third Sunday of Easter



Dear Friends,

As you know - I hope - this weekend we are launching the public phase of our capital campaign. Our theme is taken from a portion of Isaiah 60:4, which reads: "Lift up thine eyes." Our goal is to restore the nave and north transept ceilings, and to restore a portion of the endowment that we borrowed from ourselves to install the Bicentennial Organ five years ago. Tonight at 7 pm the combined choristers of the Boys and Girls Choirs will sing their annual concert in the church, followed by a reception in the chantry. Then on Sunday, immediately after the 11 am service, we are going to have a wonderful party in Tuttle Hall. Our typical coffee-hour fare will be replaced with fine food and drink, we will debut the campaign video that film crews shot over the Easter weekend, and we will hear where we stand in reaching our stretch goal of \$3 million.

Yes, we have been actively engaged in what is typically called "the quiet phase" of the campaign. A number of parishioners have graciously opened their homes to host dinners and cocktail parties where campaign leaders have spoken about the project and how much Grace Church means to them. One of these gatherings was at the home of Karin Dauch. Karin has three beautiful daughters; the middle daughter is Marina, who is 9-years old. Rather than retreating to her bedroom to get away from all the adults, Marina planted herself at the dining room table where no one who wanted to sample the delicious food could miss her.

What Marina did was put a sign on the table that read: You don't HAVE to donate, but you CAN donate for drawings. She then took out a spiral bound notebook and with a ball-point pen began creating portraits of the guests. At the end

Redeemer (95th, between Madison and 5th). Suggested donation \$45/person. *To sign up, please [email Martha a.s.a.p!](mailto:martha@gracechurch.org)*

## **Pete Hogden Memorial Education Fund**



Pete Hogden was the facilities manager of Grace Church and Grace Church School from 2002 until his unexpected passing last week at the age of 54.

Donations to this fund will support the future education expenses of Pete's three children.

### **[DONATE HERE](#)**

Please remember the Hogden family in your prayers.

*Please pray  
for...*

of the evening she handed me an envelope with the money she had raised. (Because campaign contributions are confidential, I won't tell you how much was inside the envelope, only to say that for a 9-year old, it is a serious gift.) I was so touched that I took out my phone and snapped a picture. With Karin's permission, here it is for you all to enjoy. Thank you, Marina, for making one of the first gifts to the campaign, and inspiring us all to be generous givers! Another verse from Isaiah comes to mind (11:6) which reads in part: *and a little child shall lead them.*



Thanks to all of you who already have made pledges and contributions, and to those of you who plan to participate in the weeks ahead. Do join in with the festivities this weekend. We are all in this together, and we can get the job done.

See you in church.

[The Rev. J. Donald Waring](#)  
Rector



# TONIGHT! THE ANNUAL SPRING CHOIR CONCERT

*those who suffer*

Tracey  
Kristin Whitehurst  
David Morgan  
Linda & Tom Hall  
Josephine  
Ferraiuolo  
Howard Small  
Trish Lawrence

*and those who  
have died*

Daniel Mahony  
Spencer Harper.



The Annual Choir Concert offered by the Senior Boy and Girl Choristers' with the Adult Choir will take place on Friday, April 28th at 7:00pm. The Concert is free and open to all. Festive reception follows. Details [here](#).

## This Sunday

April 30th

### 9 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Sermon: The Rev. J. Donald Waring

Music: The Parish Choir

### 11 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Sermon: The Rev. J. Donald Waring

Music: The Girls' Choir with Adults

### 6 p.m. Holy Eucharist, in the Chantry

Sermon: The Rev. Chase Danford

Music: Hymns with Instrumentalists

THE PENDULUM SWINGS: A HISTORY OF ORGANS  
AT GRACE CHURCH – THE SUNDAY FORUM @10

**AM** – Since 1846, there have been six major organ projects at Grace Church. The most recent three follow exactly the style swing of romantic–baroque–romantic that describes the 20th Century American Pipe Organ, culminating with the triumphant masterpiece that brings so much to our worship today. We will trace that history, including the responsibility and methods ensuring that The Bicentennial Organ (Taylor & Boody, Opus 65) is protected during the present building restoration project. Held in the Reception Room; coffee is served. *Speaker John Bishop, pipe organ builder and church organist for over forty years, now specializes in consulting with parishes about the care, renovation, and replacement of their instruments. He is director of the Organ Clearing House, the only firm in the United States dedicated to the preservation of unused vintage pipe organs by helping to find them new homes.*

**LIFT UP THINE EYES KICK–OFF!** Join us for a joyous celebration for our capital campaign, *Lift Up Thine Eyes*, at a festive event immediately following the 11 am service on Sunday Apr 30th, including the premiere of our campaign video and festive fellowship for all. *RSVP for the Sunday event [here](#).*

**YOUTH GROUP EVENTS & NEW SUNDAY MEETING TIME** – The Grace youth group for 7th–12th graders will next meet on Sunday, April 30, and on May 7, at 2:15 pm in the Third Floor Conference Room. The group will break for Mother's Day on May 14, and resume on May 21 *at the new meeting time of 4 pm*. Stay tuned for details on a volunteer day in June and our annual trip to Heifer Farm in July. [Email Father Chase](#) for more information.

### *Coming Soon*

**MAY 3 – CENTERING PRAYER** – Led by parishioner Currie Estreich, contemplative, or "centering prayer" is an ancient Christian practice of being still and quiet and connecting with the Spirit of God dwelling within us.

Offered on Wednesdays through June 7 at 5:15 pm in the Chantry, just prior to the 6 pm Eucharist. For more information, [contact Currie](#).

**MAY 6 – (SIGN UP NOW!) HABITAT FOR HUMANITY / GRACE CHURCH BUILD DAY** – We are partnering with Habitat to rehabilitate a condemned house in St. Albans, Queens for a family in need. Volunteers have been hard at work since last summer and would love to have you join them! The next build day is Saturday, May 6. *Information and registration at <http://gracechurchnyc.org/outreach/>, or contact Martha Korienek [here](#).*

**MAY 7 – FINDING SABBATH – THE SUNDAY FORUM @10 AM.** Sabbath rest can feel like a difficult thing to do at times. At the recent ECW retreat, the women of Grace Church discussed the importance of Sabbath rest and how to make it happen in the midst of busy, 21st century NYC life. Come hear reflections from their day, and about the wisdom that they gained. You, too, may find a way to incorporate Sabbath rest into your life.

**MAY 7 – 20'S AND 30'S-*ish* SUNDAY BRUNCH**– Young adult parishioners and guests are invited to brunch after the 11 o'clock service and coffee hour on Sunday, May 7. We'll meet in the Rectory Garden by the 802 Broadway gate at 12:45 and walk to a nearby restaurant. Plan to bring \$15–20 in cash. [RSVP to the Rev. Chase Danford](#).

**MAY 7 – EVENSONG WITH EXCERPTS FROM PART III OF HANDEL'S MESSIAH @4 PM** – The Adult Choir with the Parish Choir will offer Choral Evensong featuring excerpts from Part III (the Easter Portion) of *Handel's MESSIAH*.

**MAY 12, 13 – THE CHORAL SOCIETY'S SPRING CONCERTS** take place in the Church on Friday, May 12 at 8 pm and Saturday, May 13 at 3 pm. Featuring two monuments of 20<sup>th</sup> century choral music: the powerful

antiwar cantata *Dona Nobis Pacem* by Ralph Vaughan Williams and Samuel Barber's stunning *Prayers of Kierkegaard*. Galvanizing music for uncertain times. John Maclay, Music Director; with Tami Petty and Andrew Garland, soloists, and full orchestra. Tickets (\$30) required and available at the [website](#).

**MAY 14 –ANGELS, SERVANTS & DISRUPTORS: THE MODERN DAY DEACON – THE SUNDAY FORUM @10 AM.** Come find out about the oldest ordained ministry, learn how the concept of being a deacon belongs to all baptized members of the Church, and explore how we can all be a bridge between the church and our world. Richard Paul Limato, member of Grace Church and newly ordained Episcopal Deacon, will share his experience preparing for ordination and the servant ministry that makes this sacred order a unique and important one for the modern day Church.

**MAY 14 –NEWCOMERS' CLASS** – Newcomers to Grace Church are warmly invited! Held on the second Sunday of each month in the Reception Room at 12:30 pm, each class will discuss how to become a member of Grace Church, as well as a variety of special topics (this month: **Spiritual Practices**). We suggest that you attend at least three classes throughout the year, as a way to get acquainted with the clergy, meet other newcomers, and grow in your faith.

**MAY 14 – EPISCOPAL CHARITIES SUNDAY** – This Mother's Day, celebrate Episcopal Charities Sunday, and help reduce the impact of hunger on your neighbors in the Episcopal Diocese of New York. Hundreds of thousands of people will directly benefit, many of them children and the elderly. On Sunday, May 14, you'll find an envelope inside your service bulletin, which we hope you will consider using to make a donation to this worthy cause. For more information, visit [here](#).

**MAY 21 – A CONVERSATION WITH THE BISHOP – THE SUNDAY FORUM @10 AM** – Join the 2017 adult and youth Confirmation classes in a discussion with the

Rt. Rev. Andrew Dietsche, Bishop of New York. This will be an opportunity for Confirmation candidates to ask the bishop questions, but everyone is invited to listen in on the conversation.

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